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PROJECT SUN STREAK

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DATE OF SESSION: 24 JUN 88

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START: 1130

END: 1210

METHODOLOGY: WRV

VIEWER IDENTIFIER: 079

1. (S/NF/SK) MISSION: Provide an update on the status of USMC LTC William (Rich) Higgins, the other US hostages, Rudolph Cordes and Terry Waite.

2. (S/NF/SK) VIEWER TASKING: As above.

3. (S/NF/SK) COMMENTS: No inclemencies noted. Although the main target in this session was LTC Higgins, the focus of attention shifted towards the other hostages, particularly towards Cicippio an Steen who appeared difficult to access previously. A Summary of Information is attached to this report.

4. (S/NF/SK): EVALUATION:

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

There are thirteen hostages, mostly foreign (non-US) nationals being held in the barracks surrounded by the Syrian troops in the southern portion of Beirut. Rudolf Cordes, the German national hostage will be one of the first to be released in the near term. The impression (however incongruous) persists that Frank Herbert Reed (Director of the Lebanese International School) will be released at the same time and in the company of Cordes. The captors have a pronounced reluctance to release any US hostages. In an area known as "Ash Shuwayfat" reportedly located southwest of the military barracks surrounded by the Syrian troops are the US hostages, Joseph Cicippio and Alann Steen (who have been very difficult to access previously). *See Enclosure 3* The captors will attempt to move some of the US hostages under the cover of darkness. Cicippio and Steen are hidden under "deep cover." Neither Terry Waite nor Terri Anderson will be found in the barracks. They are at another location. It goes without saying that USMC LTC Higgins is not there either; in fact, Higgins has not been with any of the other hostages from the time he was taken captive.

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It is anticipated that Polhill will be

released with the second group of hostages. USMC LTC Higgins will be released from captivity sometime soon after the release of Cordes. At this time Higgins is located at a site known as "As Sarafand". He arrived there via Mazra an Nabi Casim and Al Khara ib. He is moved intermittently and sporadically between As Sarafand and the area bounded by Reservoir 1006, a site known as Anan, and a second unnamed reservoir located about 1 kilometer northwest of Reservoir 1006. See attached copy of partial map with highlighted areas at ENCLOSURE 2. Higgins release is assured by the pocket of pressure exercised by the Israelis from the south and by the (Syrian?) activity to the north. This facet (anticipated release) of the the hostage situation will take place in the very near future (late June and early July).

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ENCLOSURE

900 WHEN COMPLETED - MORE SOPHISTICATED PEOPLE  
NOTHING TO WORRY OVER

HIGGENS

HIGGENS REMAINS WITH THE CAPTORS OF HIMSELF IN ISOLATION

HIGGENS IS BY CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SYRIAN FIGHTING

HIGGENS IS ALONE - NOT WITH OTHERS

HIGGENS IS ON ROUTE UPWARD TO TO C-1 - HIGGENS TRANSPORTATION  
WISDOM IS DOING BADLY - CANNOT CHANGE HIS COURSE ???????

THIS IS WHERE HIGGENS WAS - GO UP AND OVER EXACTLY 3K UP AND 5 K  
OVER

WAITE AND ANDERSON ARE NOT THERE EITHER WITH OTHER HOSTAGES

13 HOSTAGES THERE

LOCATE THE HIGGENS HERE - MOVING BACK AND FORTH  
WATCH SYRIAN STRONGHOLD  
CAPTORS DO NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED WHERE OTHERS ARE - SCARED

GOING OVER IN LAKE AREA

LAST WEEKS DATA HELPS - MOVING TOWARD LAKE

ISRAELES HELP

13 HOSTAGES IN BARRACKS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

SIPIO AND STEIN ARE ALONE - BUT NEAR BY

STEIN WALKING AROUND MOST FREELY -

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WILL NOT FIND US PERSONNEL WITH OTHERS

SYRIANS HELP - STOPS THE HOSTAGES TAKERS

CCORTES IS HERE - REED IS HERE HE IS SOONEST

BECAUSE OF THESE HOSTAGES COMING OUT THEY CAN PROVIDE INFORMATION  
ABOUT WHERE OTHERS MIGHT BE

THEY ARE ALONE - ALL IS NEAR AT HAND - HUNE AND JULY TIMEFRAME

TERRORISTS WILL TRY TO TAKE SOME OUT - SNEAKY - WILL NOT SUCCEED  
POHILL IS HERE IS OL HE SUCCEEDS - CHEMICAL REACTION IN BODY  
HIS OWN - PICKING UP NAME "CHUCK"

SIPIO AND STEIN ARE HIDDEN DEEP COVER AND CLOSE BY TO OTHER  
HOSTAGES - 13

POHILL COMES WITH NEXT CROWD

SHOULD GO FOR WIPIO AND STEIN FIRST - LOOK FOR AREAS WEST OF HERE  
SOUTH WEST OF WHERE SYRIANS ARE

TRY TO SNEAK HOSTAGES OUT BACK DOOR

HIGGENS COMES OUT AFTER CORTES - SOON

HIGGENS WILL BE EASY NOW MORE TRAPPED IN

HIGGENS OK - WELL TAKEN CARE OF

WAREHOUSE  
AMMUNITIONS - FULL

PEOPLE HERE

DOUBLE BUILDING

INDUSTRY SURROUNDING THIS HOUSE IS INDUSTRIOUS - DAY BREAKS  
EARLY HERE AND THERE ARE CONCERNS  
AMMUNITIONS CARRIED OUT OF HERE SHORTLY

MANAGUA

TYPE OF WEAPONS     JEAN MISSED THAT ONE

FIRST STRENGTH OF FORCE EVER TO BE PROVIDED TO A THIRD WORLD  
COUNTRY

BEGINNING OF AID VIA CUBA

STRUCTURE IS IN SOVIET UNION - TRANSPORTED TO CUBA FIRST AND  
THEN TO OTHER PLACES

LAMINATION

CRATES AND CARGO

GO TO WORK EARLY - SO TO GO UNNOTICED

A AND B COMPLETE?   NO

NOT HIGH ON LIST OF SOVIETS OF THING TO DO

NEXT YEAR OCTOBER

STRUCUTRE NOT THAT IMPORTANT - STRUCTURE IS SOMEWHAT OPEN

SPRAY - GREEN  
SPRAY CANS HELP TO HIDE VEHICLES - CONCEALMENT -CAMOULGLAGE

INCOMBENCY - EXPRESSED BY US - THE OUTCOME OF STATE OF AFFAIRS  
IN ANOTHER COUNTRY AS THE DAY BREAKS EARLY - TOWARDS THE EAST  
WHENEVER THIRD WORLD COUNTRY CHANGES POWER - COUP

APPLIED AGAINST A COUNTRY   GUERILLA WARFARE

TURKISH GOV'T HELPS

HOW MANY PERSONNEL EMPLOYED HERE?

PEOPLE COME AND GO ALWAYS - NOT MANY ASSIGNED HERE EVERY DAY

60 FOR THIS PROJECT